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Written documents

Linegar-Carpenter

Including Bishops Lincoln v Fitzsimons

1751-1779

File II: Written Documents – Linegar to Carpenter (1751-1779)

1. (1750) A copy of portions of a Bull of Boniface VIII, Periculo, with the Decrees of the Council of Trent and two Bulls of Pius V, all concerning the enclosure of nuns. Date: 3 January 1572. At the end eight queries, in the translator's handwriting, are added. (Note: these and further documents in this file refer to the situation which arose when the Abbess and seven Poor Clare nuns of North King Street convent, following a disagreement with the Friars Minor, the superiors, came to Dorset Street area and formed a new community under the authority of Dr Linegar. Cf. File I, No. III; Dr Donnelly's History of Dublin Parishes, Part IX, pp. 222-3; and Mrs Concannon's The Poor Clares in Ireland.)

Having an earnest desire etc.

2. (1750) Draft of a letter to Rome from the Dublin Vicar-General, complaining against Dr L. Richardson, O.P., Bishop of Kilmore. Undated; circa 1750.

Cum nuper litteras etc.

3. (1751) A letter to Dr Linegar from Rome concerning the Poor Clares and the Franciscans; cf. (1) above. Date 30 April 1751.

Ex adnesco supplice etc.

4. (1751) A letter from Dr Linegar to Rome on same. Date: 5 October 1751.

Oltra à memoriali spediti à Roma etc.

5. (1752) A title-page. CONSTITUTION; par M. Boutiflar à Mr Kirwan. Date; 29 February 1752.

6. (1752) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Linegar concerning the Poor Clares; permission is granted to them to form a separate community under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop. Date: 7 August 1752.

Propostasi et discussa etc.

7. (1752) A letter from Dr Linegar to Rome on same. Date: 25 April 1752. (A note states that this letter was printed in IER October 1888)

Litteras datas etc.

8. (1742-1751) Attached to 7 several brief transcripts, mostly in English; many of them in the same handwriting.
- (a) Concerning a dispute in Ossory over the appointment by the Bishop, a Dominican, of a fellow-Dominican to a parish. The bishop has obtained confirmation of appointment from Rome (20 July, 1742) cf. Canon Carrigan's History & Antiquities Ossory, I, 140ff; III, 280.
 - (b) The Archbishop protests re (a) and asks to have his reasons heard. The Ossory priests have appealed to him against their Bishop's decision (29 July, 1742)
 - (c) A note from Propaganda: Cardinal Corsini, influenced by a Rumour which has reached Propaganda, 'has little reason to be satisfied with the conduct of Fr Fitzsimons, V.G. Dublin, and has warned His Britannic Maj. (James III) against nominating him to the dignity of Bishop or Coadjutor.' (26 August 1744). (Note: Dr Donnelly, in Dublin Parishes X, pp. 56-7, says that Cardinal Corsini was prejudiced against Fitzsimons possibly because of his too great intimacy With the Spanish authorities).
 - (d) The Bishop of Raphoe highly recommends Dr Richard Reynolds, Archdeacon of Dublin. Letter to Rector, Irish College Rome (29 Jan. 1743)
 - (e) 'Dr Linegar is nearly ninety' (just one line).
 - (f) Report of a persecution: the magistrates closed all public chapels and oratories; Mass is being celebrated in crypts, taverns, the mountains etc. Added is a rescript concerning faculties extraordinary in the case of 'Mme. La Veuve Stritch and her daughter the Marchanesa of Clonmel, Tipperary.' (23 July 1744) ab illo die qui incident in... Heb. 2. (note, end of page: 'Persecution began 3 months ago')
 - (g) Memo from Dr Linegar to the Cardinal Protector of Ireland. 'I have provided Abbot Henry O'Kelly with ample loans (?). James Reynolds has got a good parish in the country'. (3 November 1744).
 - (h) A copy of Cardinal Corsini's note to the Nuncio in Brussels thanking him for papers Dr Linegar forwarded re Dr Fitzsimons: he recommends further diligence 'to find out, before the Congregation of July 5th, if there be others against him, especially if he aspires to the Co-adjutorship.' (5 October/December 1744).
 - (i) Dr Linegar has received Dr de Burgo on the Cardinal's recommendation and highly commends him. (22 February 1747).
 - (j) Dr Linegar requests that James Kelly be ordained. (9 March 1749).
 - (k) Dr Linegar states his intention of asking for a reduction in the number of holydays. (21 October 1751).
 - (l) Canon Ruty, curate of St Mary's, states that there is no persecution. (21 October 1751).
 - (m) Father French, Franciscan Provincial, deposes and excommunicates the Poor Clare Abbess and seven of her nuns (cf. (1) above) for having violated the vows of poverty and obedience (12 April 1752). A foot-note states that Frs. Fitzsimons and Clinch had already assured the nuns that the Archbishop (Dr Linegar) complained that Dr French's sentence was pronounced without any reference to him. (Dr. L.)

(All the following items are on the same type of paper as 8. Items 9 down to No. 22)

9. (1752) Copy of portion of a letter sent by the Archbishop of Armagh to Fr James Purcell, agent of the Irish Bishops in Rome. Mentions Francis Archbold, 'an old man', goes on to recommend Rd. Lincoln as Coadjutor for Dr Linegar. Refers to Dr Lanigan's great age; mentions other possible candidates- Clinch, 'troppo vecchio' to be considered, Fitzsimons etc. Undated but circa 1752. (cf. Rep. Novum II, 1, pp. 211-12).

II. Vesc. Dubl. Ha preso in heu etc.

10. (1752) Another letter, writer and recipient not stated, concerning the Poor Clares cf. (1) above.
Date: 18 March 1752.

Avea occupati fuimus in doctis decretis etc.

11. (1752) A letter from the Archbishop of Armagh to Fr James Purcell. 'The Archbishop of Dublin informs me that the Regulars never submit to the Decrees of Propaganda'. He adds that observance is difficult in the prevailing conditions of the country. Suggests as a remedy, 'to take away all hope of promotion to bishoprics unless there be proof given of previous submission to decrees'. Date: 13 September 1753.

The Archbishop of Dublin etc.

12. (1753) Copy of a letter to Rome from the four Irish Archbishops complaining that the Regulars, Jesuits excepted, are out of their convents and refuse to obey the ordinaries; they have no novitiates; the novices are being 'brought up in their own homes'. Date: 13 September 1753.

United letter from etc.

13. (1753) Copy of a letter from the Cardinal Prefect. He has informed His Holiness of what Dr Linegar stated about raising the 'assistance' of a certain Dublin Archdeacon. The Pope thinks the sum suggested should be increased-from £200 to £300. Date: 13 September 1753.

Cardinal Prefect communicated etc.

14. (1753) A copy of a letter from Dr Linegar to Rome re the Charter Schools.
1800. Catholic children are attending at this date... 26 July, 1753. He adds a note saying that moneys can now be sent through London and gives instructions for remitting same. In a postscript he reports that in one year the Charter Schools received legacies totalling £1,800. Date: 26 July 1753.

Letter from Archbishop etc.

15. (1755) Dr Ruty relates the apostasy of Richard Archbold, S.J. 'come from London' (the news?).
Date: 31 July 1755. Ruty made Canon.

Letter of Dr Ruty

16. (1756) Dr Linegar writes to Rome stating that despite his physical ailments he is quite clear mentally.
Date: 24 January 1756.

Responsoriae nostrae etc.

17. (1756) Minute of letter from the Bishop of Kildare to Propaganda listing names of possible Coadjutors and giving qualifications of each. The letter itself follows. Date: 22 January 1756.

Si presenta m'occasione (Minute) Statim ut accipi litteras (letter)

18. (1757) A copy of a letter from Propaganda to Dr Linegar; they hear that for some reason discord has arisen between himself and the Coadjutor (Dr Lincoln) whose ministry he will not avail of. Date: 6 Sept. 1757.

Letter to Archbishop etc.

19. (1757) Dr Linegar replies, scotching the rumour. He asserts that he is most attached to his Coadjutor and has sent him on visitation, reserving to himself only the right to confer benefices; the Coadjutor wishes to exclude him from all government. Date: 13 September 1757.

Letter from Archbishop etc.

20. (1756) Dr Lincoln protests to Propaganda against the nomination by Dr Linegar of Fr B. Commins to St James's parish. He (Dr Lincoln) has written to Commins prohibiting him. Date: 14 August 1756. (Note: cf. Donnelly, Dublin Parishes, Part VIII, p. 194; IX, 230.)

Lincoln protests etc.

21. (1757) Dr Lincoln to the Cardinal Protector recommending Michael Wall for the bourse vacated by Richard Talbot who is returning to Dublin. Date: 12 July 1757.

Letter from Dr Lincoln etc.

22. (1757) Same to same complaining that Dr Linegar, 'who is under the influence of a layman', has appointed Commins to St James's without consulting Lincoln or the Vicars or P.P.s. Commins is so unacceptable in St James's that the parishioners threaten to close the doors against him. Cf. (20) above. Undated.

Letter of Dr Lincoln etc.

23. (1749-1753) A letter, in Italian, from Fr John Murphy to his father. They have not met for thirteen years and were apparently estranged at the time he left Dublin for Salamanca. The letter must have been written prior to 1753, for Fr. M. died of fever at St Catherine's, Dirty Lane, in that year. He was in Rome for some time around 1747, having been sent by the Irish Bishops to request the Holy See to build schools for Catholics to counteract those being opened by Protestants in urban areas for Catholic orphans. Benedict XIV received him and directed Propaganda to send 3,000 scudi annually for this purpose. (cf. long footnote to letter; Salamanca Documents, Maynooth; Dr Donnelly's Dublin Parishes, Part IX, pp. 222-3; also Mrs Concannon's book The Poor Clares in Ireland. A tribute to Fr Murphy written by a Dublin Jesuit to one in Salamanca, is given in Donnelly's reference.)

Cara et venerato Padre etc.

24. (1754) A copy (by Dr Donnelly) of a letter from Cardinal Corsini the Cardinal Protector for Ireland, to the Father General of the Franciscans. He informs the General of the complaints sent to Propaganda by the four Archbishops of Ireland. (cf. 12 above) and asks could a few houses be set up, with Guardians, and used as noviceships. Date: 27 August 1754.

Il Cardinale Imperiale etc.

25. (1751?) (On back of No. 24) The Protestant Archbishop of Cashel, 'pursuant to an Order of My Lord Primate' reports on the state of Popery in that diocese and remarks that the priests 'seem to be more insolent than they used to be'; also that their Mass-houses-'only open cabbins'-which they were formerly content to have in remote places, were now near public and frequented roads. The signature is: Samuel Brown. Cashell. Date: December 7, 1751 (or '31?) Added is a footnote, signed by Charles Isaack, reporting that he has found only one schoolmaster at Religmurray; only a few boys attend; the master has not been there long and Isaack 'shall use all means to expel him thence'.

Pursuant to an Order etc.

26. (1753) A letter from John Veseye (?) who is in Quebec, to 'Mr Burke, St Michael's, Dublin'. Mainly concerning the war in Europe; he is obviously a military man and anxious to get back to fight. Fears that the frigate they await 'may not get us back in time to bear our part in the present commotion'. He intends to 'follow the Prince', if his regiment has not already left England. Thinks the Duke of Brunswick the best General. Date: 25 May 1753.

Many thanks to you, my dear Burke etc.

27. (1753) A letter from the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin to Rome re the reduction of the number of feastdays and other matters. Undated.

Nos dioceses Leighliniensis etc.

28. (1753) A letter from the same to Fr Fitzsimons (addressed 'To Mr Fitzsimons, at the Widow Kelly's, Bookseller, Mary's Lane, Dublin') Concerns a dispute over a parish. Written from Tullow. Date: 7 October 1753.

Casus Diocesis Dubl. cum Diocesi Leighl. etc.

29. (1753) A transcript, signed by Fr. T. de Burgo, O.P., of a document in the Bibliotheca of S. Sepulchre re the parish mentioned in (28) above. Date: 27 June 1753.

Nomine Ecclesiarum decanatus etc.

30. (1755) A letter; name of writer and recipient illegible. Complaint from someone in Armagh Diocese that the Archbishop of Armagh appointed Fr Philip O'Reilly of Kilmore Diocese, a cousin of his, to the Armagh parish vacant since the death of Andrew Banan on 30 July 1754. Date of letter: 10 February 1755.

Cum die 30 Julii 1754 ex vita etc.

31. (1755) A letter from Francis Archbold of 'Arran Quay Chapell' to the Archbishop of Dublin, complaining that he has been falsely accused and that rumours have been spread that he 'caused Dr Linegar to give up the Papal months'. Some documents are enclosed with the letter to prove that these accusations are false. Date 22 November 1755.

As it has been industriously given out in Dublin etc.

32. (1757) (printed) Heads of a Bill for a General Register of Popish priests. Published Dublin October 1757.

Whereas by an Act etc.

33. (1758) A letter from Cardinal Corsini, Cardinal Protector for Ireland, to Dr Lincoln, re the appointment of an Administrator for Ossory. Date: 5 March 1758.

Una cum hisce meis litteras etc.

34. (1758) Dr Lincoln's Decree fixing the boundary of the parishes of St Mary's and St Michan's. Date: 4 November 1758.

Nos Richardus ... In causa, que coram nobis etc.

35. (1759) Decrees and Statutes of the Chapter (Congress) of Achonry, under Bishop Patrick Robert Kirwan. Date: 27 June 1759.

Decreta seu Diocesana facta etc.

36. (1759) A copy of Dr Carpenter's Pastoral on the occasion of the Jubilee. Date: 14 February 1759.

To the Secular and Regular Clergy of the Diocese of Dublin etc.

37. (1760) A copy of a Decree confirming the faculties re marriage given to the four Archbishops of Ireland by the Holy office on 5 July 1759, and permitting them to delegate the same faculties to their suffragans when necessary. Date 14 July 1760.

Cum superioribus annis D. Marcus Skerret etc.

38. (1760) Translation of a letter from Cardinal Corsini to the Archbishops of Ireland; a warning about priests who join the Freemasons. Date: 26 July 1760.

It is with the utmost grief etc.

39. (1760) (On back of 38 above) Memo re a benefice. Added is a reply of Cardinal Valenti on the same subject to Michael O'Gara, Archbishop of Tuam dated 31 October 1742. (cf. File I, 105)

Cum abuses quidem hac etc.

40. (1769) A copy of a letter from F. Goddard, Nuncio, Brussels, to Cornelius O’Keeffe, Bishop of Limerick, on the (1736) exercise of the Primatial rights of Armagh. Dated 4 August 1736.

Nescio quo fattis litteras etc.

41. (1761) A letter from the Nuncio (Card. Molinari) Brussels, to Wm. Egan Conmel, Vicar-General of Waterford and Lismore, concerning the boundaries of Kilcullen parish. 12 September 1761. (For the Nuncio’s order to enforce obedience to the sentence of Kilcullen Bridge, cf. reverse of 41 and 42)

Comitatu cum facultatibus etc.

42. (1761) Same to same on Kilcullen question. (Prorogatio Commission). Date: 23 January 1761.

Cum super limitibus etc.

43. (1761) A letter of Dr Egan explaining the sentence given on Kilcullen parish boundaries and enclosing correspondence concerning the same. Date: 5 May, 1761.

In Nomine Domini, Amen etc.

44. (1762) Agreement between Dr Lincoln, (Dublin) and the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin re Kilcullen. Witnesses; the Bishop of Ardagh and Dr Wm. Egan. 10 May 1762.

Nos infrascripti Richardus ... et Jacobus etc ...

45. (1761) An order from the Nuncio in Brussels to obey the sentence on Kilcullen. (cf. 41 above) 12 September 1761.

Cum occasione sententiae etc.

46. (1761) A letter from Cardinal Corsini to the Archbishop of Dublin concerning priests who joined the Freemasons and granting faculties for absolving those who repent. (cf. 38 above) Date: 21 November, 1761.

Niente piu essendo a cuore a questa S. Sede etc.

47. (1761) A letter from Dr Lincoln to Dr Burke, Kilkenny, enclosing a copy of a letter received from Brussels some weeks earlier about certain faculties which he communicates herewith. Date: 8 September 1761.

A letter on the ... Niente piu essendo etc.

48. (1761) (Two copies, one printed) Decrees of Propaganda (the Particular Congregation dealing with Irish affairs). Included: one transcript with extracts from the Decrees; one printed copy and one full transcript of the Decrees. Dates: 31 August and 21 September 1761.
- Cum occasione cujusdam etc.
49. (1761) (Printed) A document concerning a dispute between the Archbishop of Dublin and certain regulars. From Propaganda; signed Franciscus Maria, Hospitalerius. Printed Bernabo 1761.
- Et si caetera deficerent argumenta etc.
50. (1761) A long written document from Propaganda concerning the same dispute. Same signature. Date: 1761.
- Ut primum hodiernus etc.
51. (1762) A letter from Cardinal Spinelli, Prefect of Propaganda, to Patrick Fitzsimons, enclosing the Decree on the Poor Clares who are now subject to the Archbishop, Dr Lincoln. (cf. 1 above) Date 24 August 1762.
- Cerca fugam monialis etc.
52. (1762) Transcript of same, signed: Henri Sweetman.
53. (1763) (Printed) Edict of Propaganda concerning women in Third Orders and their privileges. Date 17 January 1763. (1753 is crossed out, 1763 put in)
- Cum diuturna experiential etc.
54. (1763) A Brief of Clement XIII to the Archbishop of Dublin on the controversy between Dr Burke and Fr Molloy in Ossory over a parish in the city of Kilkenny. Date: 12 March 1763. (cf. Carrigan: History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Ossory I, pp. 163 ff.)
- Valde nos commoverunt etc.
55. (1764) A Decree of Propaganda concerning daily collections at church doors. Date: 15 June 1764.
- Relata per ... controversia nuper etc.
56. (1764) A Decree concerning the Poor Clares now subject to the Archbishop of Dublin. (cf. 51 above.) Date: 15 May 1764.
- Relata per Emum ... supplici libello Abbarisse etc.

57. (1764 -1795) Attestation re dimissorials, ordination and appointment of Canon Bernard MacMahon (Armagh diocese, adopted into Dublin diocese 1787) Signed by Dr Troy, 3 January 1796, when Canon MacMahon was appointed Canon of Malahide. (See Regestum I, p. 20; Rep. Novum I, 1, p. 178 and II, 2, p. 382; also Louth Histor. Journal IX, 4, pp. 267-279).

Vacante Canonicatii seu Praebenda de Malahide etc.

58. (1764) A certificate given by Anthony Blake, Archbishop of Armagh, stating that he conferred Holy Orders on Bernard MacMahon in the church of St Nicholas, Dundalk, and giving the dates on which minor and major Orders were conferred. Date: 10 June 1764.

Nos Antonius Blake ... notum facimus universus etc.

59. (1764) A letter of Dr Blake to Bernard MacMahon, giving him permission to go abroad to study. Date: 16 June, 1764.

Nos Antonius Blake ... dilecto Nobis in Christo ... R.D. Bernardo MacM.

60. (1777) Memo. of Dr Carpenter: that he held an ordination ceremony in his private oratory. Date: 25 May 1777.

Notum facimus quod anno etc.

61. (1780) A copy of dimissorial letters Dr Carpenter wrote for priests he recently ordained. Date 1780, no day or month given.

Ut a quocumque Illmo ... ad sacra ordines etc.

62. (1780) Same as (60) above; adds that he examined candidate before ordaining him. Date 21 May 1780.

Notum facimus quod anno etc.

63. (1774) A note re Bernard MacMahon's affiliation to Dublin Diocese and his promotion as Canon. Enclosed 'Testimonial as to my behaviour and manners at the Irish College, Antwerp 1765-1771.' The testimonial is signed Hugo MacMahon, Irish College, Antwerp, and dated 19 August 1774.

Hoc Nostrum Seminarium inhabitavit Bernardus Mac M. etc.

64. (1771) A letter to Monsieur B. MacMahon, (au Collège d'Irlande, à Anvers) from the Nuncio in Brussels giving permission to read certain prohibited books. Date: 15 August 1771.

Temetsi displiceat Nos etc.

65. (1777) A permission from Anthony Nowlan, Procurator Armagh, to Bernard MacMahon, for latter's affiliation into Dublin Diocese. Date: 3 March 1777. Footnote of Dr Carpenter affirming affiliation. Date: 4 March 1777.

Cum ex parte tua nobis etc.

66. (1771) A letter from Nuncio in Brussels to Bernard MacMahon giving permission to read prohibited books, with the exception of obscene works and those dealing with astrology, judgments, trials and authors Machiavelli, Molina etc. etc. (de Causa Secret) Date: 15 August 1771 (cf. 64).

Nos de probitate, scientia etc.

67. (1766) A letter from Dr Blake, Archbishop Armagh, to Fr Charles Gormly, giving him permission to study abroad; he expects him to return home afterwards. Commends him to heads of Colleges abroad. Date: 24 September 1766.

Nos, Antonius Blake ... Cum Temporum injuria etc.

68. (1767) A copy of Bull of Pope Clement XIII concerning Dominicans and other Regulars. Date 16 January 1767. (Dr Troy adds a note giving 1769 instead of 1767.)

Ad supremam apostolatus regimen etc.

69. (1769) (Printed) Encyclical of Pope Clement XIV, Divina Providentia.

Cum summa apostolatus etc.

70. (1767) A letter of James Butler, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny (later Archbishop of Cashel) to Dr T. Burke, (de Burgo) seeking dimissorials. Born and baptised in Dublin, where his parents were on a visit at the time of his birth, he applied by mistake to Dublin for dimissorials; he now knows that he should have applied to the Bishop in the 'diocese of the family'. He quotes extracts from the Bull of Innocent XII dated 14 November 1699. Footnote, The Abbé Butler (Alban Butler) adds this, supporting his nephew's request. Date of letter 15 March 1767 and of Footnote 16, July, 1763.

(I had, by a mistake etc.)

71. (1767) N. Martin, priest of Tullyallen, writes certifying that he has examined Patrick Hoey, who was aged 23 in March 1767, and considers him worthy of being ordained. Date 16 September 1767. (Signed Taaffe V.G.) First line illegible. (Note: a Patrick Hoey, Canon, is mentioned in Rep. Novum III, p. 2; also by Donnelly in Dublin Parishes: (Patrick Hoey, P.P. Skerries 1792-1819) Part XVI, p. 120)

72. (1769) Transcript by Dr Troy of Mss in the archives of S. Sixto. Agreements between various Popes and the Dominicans of St Clements re the water supply. Dates 6 January 1769 and 3 December 1769.

Praesenti publico instrumento etc.

73. (1770) A letter from the Bishop of Antwerp to Bernard MacMahon giving permission to read certain prohibited books. Date: September 1770.

Cum pro parte tua etc.

74. (1770) A revocation of faculties to minister in the parish of St Audoen's signed by James Plunkett, Archpriest, St Audoen's. Date: 12 November 1770.

Per presentes literas revoco etc.

75. (1770) A letter from The Nuncio in Brussels to Dr Carpenter, re the latter's retention of the Parish of St Nicholas. Enquiry re Dr Geoghan, proposed as Coadjutor for Meath, but against whom six charges have been made. Date at top: 1 August 1770; at end: 28 September 1770.

Litteras Ill. D.V. quibus sub die 11 Julii etc.

76. (1770) A notification from Dr Carpenter to Father Plunkett that he will be at St Audoen's for visitation at midday 27 November. Date: 20 November, 1770.

Notum facimus quod die etc.

77. (1770) A copy of Roman rescript extending to James, Bishop of Elphin, faculties (re the feast and fast days) previously granted to the bishops of Germany by the Bull of Clement XIV dated 7 February, 1770. Date of rescript: 1 August 1770.

Quod doles esse non paucos etc.

78. (1771) A Roman rescript granting Dr Carpenter faculties to ordain twelve priests 'ad titulum missionis'. Date: 4 August 1771.

Rev. Giovanni Carpenter, Arcivescovo di Dublino etc.

79. (1771) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter in reference to a complaint that twelve youths received the religious habit of the Augustinians in Ireland, notwithstanding Propaganda's Decree of 1750. Date: 10 October 1771.

Attentis peculiaribus circumstantiis etc.

80. (1771) A decree of Propaganda on the dispute between Dr Carpenter and the Vicar Cap. Dr Bermingham. (cf. Rep. Novum, I, 1: pp. 156-7, also Donnelly, Dublin Parishes, Part VIII, p. 223) Date: 18 January 1771.

Referente R.P.D. Stephano Borgio ... controversiam etc.

81. (1771) Transcript of 79 above.

82. (1771) A letter from the Nuncio in Brussels. He sends Dr Carpenter the final decision of Propaganda on the dispute with Dr Bermingham and hopes all will conform with decision. (cf. 80 above.)
Date : 22 February 1771.

Supremo suo iudicio terminavit etc.

83. (1771) Same to same re the Dominicans of Louvain. The Nuncio has heard through the Prior, Father Nugent, that they are badly off; he asks if they may collect in Ireland. Date: 11 November 1771.

Nos possumos non commiseri deploratissimum etc.

84. (1771) Same to same. He enquires about a young man from Rome named Cori who came to Dublin to teach music. Would Dr Carpenter please make enquiries and “ascertain if he had arrived. Is he teaching singing or music and making an honest livelihood? We commend him to your care.”
Date: 10 December 1771.

Dublinium advenit quidam juvenis etc.

85. (1772) A letter from Dr Carpenter to Propaganda. A reply to their query about religious education will be sent on by him and his suffragans. Severe laws prohibit the building of schools; if correspondence on same if found persecution will follow. He outlines the position in Dublin and the grave danger to Catholic children, particularly orphans, many widows having come into city of late. He asks the Offices of some Irish Saints. Date: 20 May, 1772.

Quas ad me dignata est, etc.

86. (1772) A letter from the Nuncio to Dr Carpenter re Dr Brady of Dromore who is ill in Brussels and unable to travel to his diocese. As his illness may be protracted Dr Carpenter is asked to kindly administer Dromore diocese temporarily. Date: 1 February 1772.

Negotia, quae no levia prae manibus etc.

87. (1772) (On reverse of 86) A letter from Patrick Brady, Bishop of Dromore, to Dr Carpenter. He fell ill in Prague; later had relapses, “having to stay in bed for 3,2,1 weeks in different miserable stations”. He is now ill in Brussels where he found his brother’s affairs in great confusion He begs Dr Carpenter to accede to the Nuncio’s request. He adds a footnote re ‘the gentleman of Armagh’.
Date: 3 February 1772.

It was my sincere wish etc.

88. (1772) A letter from the Nuncio to Dr Carpenter. Dr Brady is almost ready to leave; the slowness of his recovery and the bad weather may hold him until the winter ends. Dr Carpenter is requested to continue to administer Dromore. Re the extension of the Offices of Irish Saints (cf. 85) this must wait until the Holy See approves of their cult. Date 17 March 1772.

Parat quidem profectionem suam etc.

89. (1772) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter. No report on schools has come for several years, though Propaganda sends 1000 scudi a year for this purpose (cf. 24 above). Dr Carpenter is asked to send an exact and detailed account of the schools, dioceses where they are located, the number of scholars attending with the programmes they study, their progress and discipline. Date: 21 March 1772.

Plures elapse sunt anni etc.

90. (1772) A letter from the Nuncio to Dr Carpenter. The Vicar General in Dromore has written to his bishop, Dr Brady, (in Brussels) re two priests of that diocese Morgan and Ward. Morgan took a vacant parish, obtaining apostolic letters by false pretences; he named Ward his Vicar. Ward is ignorant and 'administers the sacraments to his own advantage'; he also made light of the Vicar-General's censures. Dr Carpenter is asked to take proceedings against the two and, if he thinks fit, to suspend them from all office and excommunicate them. A footnote is added saying that, if he expels these priests, he is to put a good priest into the parish vacated; Dr Brady is almost fully recovered and will set out soon. Date: 27 March 1772.

Quod tantopere in superioribus etc.

91. (1772) (Printed) From Propaganda: faculties for imparting Papal Benediction with a plenary indulgence in articulo mortis.

Ne Christifidelibus in locis Missionum etc.

92. (1772) A letter from the Nuncio to Dr Carpenter. He is pleased to hear that Dr Brady arrived safely and is well. Re Dr Carpenter's request that the bourse vacant following James Brady's departure be given to his brother: request granted willingly. Date: 9 June 1772.

Quae literae ad nos ab etc.

93. (1772) A letter from the Nuncio to Dr Carpenter concerning Canon William Fletcher (P.P. Finglas) whom Dr Carpenter has suspended and removed from all pastoral offices. Fr. Fletcher has appealed to the Nuncio who rejects appeal and commends the Archbishop's action. Date: 20 November 1772.

Appellatio quae fuit etc.

94. (1772) Same to same. Further re Canon Fletcher; the suspension precluded him from pastoral office but he is entitled to appeal against the deprivation of his parish and cannot be denied this right (to appeal). The Nuncio encloses two letters to be forwarded to addressees and enquires re Dr Brady of Dromore. Date: 4 December 1772.

Postquam ... in causa sacerdotis Fletcher etc.

95. (1772) Same to same. Thanks for letters received. Since Brady has changed to Louvain the bourse is vacant; Dr Kent agrees that it be filled by concurrus. Date: 30 October 1772.

Quas litteras ad Nos missit etc.

96. (1772) (Two copies) A grant of a special indulgence to Ireland by Clement XIV; followed by second copy of same. Date: 19 April 1772.

Etsi in cunctis Sanctorem Solemnitatibus

97. (1772) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter and the other Metropolitans and Suffragans. A permission for Offices of two feasts of B.V.M. and one of St Joseph. Date: 5 July 1772.

Me infrascripto referente preces etc.

98. (1772) (cf. 77 above) A copy of a Bull of Clement XIV dated 5 Feb. 1770 extending to the Bishop of Elphin (1 August 1770) faculties granted to the German bishops on 5 February 1779 concerning Church feasts and fasts. Propaganda forwards this copy in reply to Dr Carpenter's request from same. Date: 5 July, 1772.

Apost. ministeris quod Deo volente etc.

99. (1772) A letter from Dr Carpenter to a close friend (Charles O'Connor?) enclosing a copy of a letter he has received from 'the City'; he is sending copies of same to the other three Metropolitans and to his own suffragans. He asks his friend to give his opinion and advice. (This may refer to 89 above) Date: 29 April 1772.

After the intimacy and mutual good will etc.

100. (1773) The Nuncio, writing from Brussels, notifies Dr Carpenter that Canon Fletcher has decided not to go ahead with his appeal. (cf. 93 and 94 above). Date: 15 January 1773.

Quae ... gessit in toto decurso etc.

101. (1773) A notice from Propaganda; Pope Clement XIV, at the request of the Friars Minor, grants the indulgence of the Stations of the Cross to those prevented from making the Stations on account of illness etc; the notice sets out the conditions to be fulfilled. Date: 26 January 1773.
Si e degnata concedere etc.

102. (1773) (Two copies) Propaganda Fide to Dr Carpenter and the faithful of Ireland granting a plenary indulgence (applicable to the Souls in Purgatory) on St Patrick's Day.
Date: 14 February.

Ad fovendam et quotidie etc.

103. (1773) A letter from the Nuncio to Dr Carpenter. Dr MacMahon, Rector of the Irish College in Antwerp, is in Ireland; in his absence the Nuncio sends the enclosed letters for the Bishop of Meath, requesting Dr Carpenter to please forward them.
Date: 30 March 1773.

Binas hasce litteras quis etc.

104. (1773) Same to same. The letters sent for dispatch to Card. Marefoschi were sent on the day they arrived. The Nuncio regrets that it is not in his power to grant the dispensation sought. He asks for news of Dr Brady, Dromore. Date: 13 April, 1773.

Quas Illme D.V. ... destinavit litteras etc

105. (1773) Same to same. The Nuncio notes the appointment of Fr Nicholas Morris to St James's parish; he is glad to hear that Dr Brady has settled the discords in his diocese (Dromore).
Date: 22 June, 1773.

Paulo ante cum Illme. etc.

106. (1773) Same to same. Concerning the Bull which Dr Carpenter has already received about the suppression of the Jesuits, he is requested to ascertain how many Jesuits are in Ireland and in which dioceses. The Nuncio wonders if all the Bishops have yet received the Encyclical and if they know how to act with the members of the suppressed Society.
Date: 10 September 1773.

Cum Soc. Jesu suppressa

107. (1773) (Two copies) A Decree of Propaganda. Conditions for reception of novices in Ireland, with second copy of same. Date: 19 July 1773.

Ab Card. Casselli relata fuerint instantia etc.

108. (1773) (Printed); the Brief of Clement XIV on the suppression of the Jesuits.

Dominus, ac Redemptor noster Jesus Christus etc.

109. (1773) A second Brief by same on same. Date: 18 August 1773.

Ex adjuncto exemplari etc.

110. (1773) The Nuncio to Dr Carpenter: he forwards letters to be given to the addressees.
Date: 1 October 1773.

Dignetur D.V. Ill. inclusas hasce litteras etc.

111. (1773) Same to same. Dr Carpenter's letter about the Jesuits in Ireland has been gratefully received. The Nuncio expects that the two Constitutions and the Encyclical letter of His Holiness on the matter have been received; he will send on further instructions stating what should be done regarding priests of the suppressed Society. Date: 8 October 1773. (cf. History of the Popes, Von Pastor[?], Vol. XXXVIII, p. 482, n. 6.)

Plurimas.....agimus gratias etc.

112. (1773) Same to same. The Nuncio requests news of Dr Brady. Rumours have reached him not of Dr Brady's rule of Dromore but of his personal life and conduct. It will be a delicate task for Dr Carpenter to enquire into this, as he is not Dr Brady's Metropolitan, but he is asked to make careful investigation, observing the utmost secrecy. Date: 9 November 1773.

Cum.... rogatam voluimos etc.

113. (1773) Same to same. The Capuchin Provincial for France has written the Nuncio concerning dissensions between the Vice-Provincial in Ireland and two of his subjects there. The matter is expected to go to Propaganda and a Brief may follow which will be forwarded to Dr Carpenter. Date: 26 November 1773.

Ab aliquo tempore etc.

114. (1773) (Two copies) A copy of a Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites concerning feasts of Irish saints. (cf. 110 File I) There is a second copy of the Decree attached. Date: Decree 11 December 1773.

Concessus jam et sub etc.

115. (1773) A letter from James, Coadjutor Bishop of Cashel, to a Cardinal, recommending a youth, Edmund Raymond, and giving details re Raymond's parentage, age, health, education etc. He mentions the Munster bourse, value £460, in the Irish College, Paris. Date: 23 April, 1773.

Literas Emme D.V. Romae datas Jan. 9 etc.

116. (1773) A copy of the Ecclesiastical Constitution for the Province of Dublin. (1614) Date: 14 February 1773.

Quandquidem ab anni Domini 1614 etc.

117. (1773) A Summary of the Christian Religion to be read after the Gospel every Sunday etc. Signed Thos. Bishop of Ossory: Date 1 Dec.1773

Be it known to you etc.

118. (1773) Joseph Dixon, parish priest of St James's, writes to Dr Carpenter resigning his parish. Date: 6 March 1773.

Ego infrascriptus Parochus Ste Jacobi etc.

119. (1773) A letter in Italian from Stephen Robinson, M.A. Shefford, Bedfordshire, to Rector of the Irish College Rome. He requires that John Barnewall, now fourteen, younger brother of Christopher, already in the College, be admitted. He refers to another John Barnewall, uncle of these brothers, who is a great helper of the missions including that of Robinson and who wishes to know when the first fees should be paid and what they amount to. Date: 4 January 1773.

Giovanni Barnewall, fratello minore di Cristoforo etc.

120. (1774) Same to same enclosing a letter from Christopher Barnewall to his uncle John in London (Letter not enclosed in File, but the writer gives the gist of it). Christopher regrets to inform his uncle that he has left the Irish College and gives his reasons. Robinson asks the Rector for information re Christopher: What kind of young man is he? Has he taken vows (oath)? Has he money? Where is he? He told someone that he hoped one day to succeed to a title and rich patrimony in Ireland. This cannot be unless he apostasises, which Heaven forbid! The Cavalier Barnewall, 'at the last apostasy', gained the title Viscount Kingsland from the Crown. Perhaps he was the seducer of Christopher, either by visit or letter. Date: 11 October 1744. (cf. Rep. Novum 1,2, pp. 240 - 1)

Il Signor D.G. Barnewall ha ricevuto etc.

121. (1773) A permission to study abroad granted by John Wall, Vicar-General, Armagh, to Andrew Leveris. Date: 4 August 1773.

Nos infra scripto ex Speciali Commissione etc.

122. (1774) The Nuncio writes from Brussels to Dr Carpenter about the Bishop of Dromore who gives scandal through his drinking habits. Date: January 1774.

Quam hisce accludimus Epistolam etc.

123. (1774) Same to same, sending the Pope's instructions concerning the Jesuits. Dr Carpenter is to ask the Dublin Jesuits to sign a declaration accepting the Pontiff's decision. Date: 25 January 1774.

Ex incluso exemplari sat manifeste etc.

124. (177U) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter, granting permission for the proposed Augustinian novitiate and outlining regulations to be observed. Date: 11 February 1774.

Cum exhibitum hic fuerit rescriptus etc.

125. (177U) A letter from Dr Carpenter to Propaganda. He indicates the dangers involved in distributing money from Propaganda (traitors, legal investigations, etc.). He gives the background of Fr John Murphy, also of D. Kennedy. Fr James Dowdall, dean of the Dublin Chapter, has died and Dr C. wishes to appoint Fr Bart. Sherlock P.P. St Audoen's and Vicar-General, to be Dean of the Metropolitan Chapter. Date: 4 April, 1774.

Pecuniam mihi commissam etc.

126. (1774) Ten Dublin Jesuits sign the Decree of Pope Clement XIV suppressing their Society and appointing them secular priests under the authority of Dr Carpenter. (One, Fr Ward, was absent; he signed later, making eleven.) cf. Donnelly, Dublin Parishes, Part VI, p. 57.
Date: 7 February 1774.

Nos infrascripti Soc. Jesu Suppresse membra etc.

127. (1774) An extract from a summary of the Jesuit Constitutions. No. 18.
18. Const. Chapter 3, Section 1. No. 19. (Undated.)

In concionibus domesticis etc.

128. (1774) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter. The document entitles Dr Carpenter to retain the parish of St. Nicholas as his mensal parish. Date: April 1774.

Cunctis subique pateat evidente etc.

129. (1774) A note from M. Doyen, Banker of the rue d'Artois, Paris, concerning moneys left to the Collegiate Church, Galway. Date: 21 May, 1774.

Je, soussigne, au nom et comme fonde de procuration etc.

130. (1774) A letter from Canon Wm. Fletcher to the Holy Father, formally resigning his parish in favour of Fr Andrew Ennis; he accepts a pension of £10 a year. Date: 21 June 1774. (cf. 93 and 94 above.)

Ego infrascriptus, Guilielmus Fletcher etc.

131. (1774) An official document concerning (129) above. To Dr Kirwan and Collegiate Church, Galway, legacy of Mme Genevieve ..?... Two dates: 21 May, 1774 and 6 July 1774.

A tous ceux qui ces presentes etc

132. (1775) A Gaelic version of (117) above : A Summary of the Christian Religion.
Signed, Thos. Bishop of Ossory, (De Burgo) at Kilkenny. Date 9 August 1775.
(N.B. Pages in wrong order.)

Suim Athchumuir an Chreidimh Chriostamuil etc.

133. (1775) A declaration of titular bishops at Thurles on the book Hibernia Dominicana: Date: 28 July 1775.

A book under the title etc.

134. (1775) Copy of a report of Matt McKenna, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross and his Vicar-General, Patrick Kelleher, on the state of the diocese. Date: October 1775.

Transmisso statu satisamplo Eccl. Cloyn. et Rossen etc.

135. (1775) A copy of a letter from Dr Butler, Cashel, to Propaganda, stating that at their meeting near Cork held on 15 July, the Munster bishops unanimously passed the following resolution: That the oath of allegiance, as proposed by an act of Parliament in the reign of George III, contained nothing contrary to the principles of the Catholic religion. He enclosed a copy of the resolution.
Date: 15 July 1775.

Pro muneris mei Exigentia etc.

136. (1775) A letter from Giovanni Jackson (Fr John Murphy) to an unnamed Monsignor. He writes from Paris. Three weeks after he arrived there he had a letter from his mother advising him to write in 'touching and tender' manner to his father. He tells of all that befell him since he left the Irish College, Rome. The Cardinal Protector has recommended him to the Archbishop of Cashel and he hopes to get a parish in that diocese, etc. (cf. Rep. Novum I,1, 164 and I, 2, 384; also Renahan's Christian Collections I, p. 330. Date 27 December 1775. (Murphy, a convert, 'ran away to sea and his father thinks him drowned.')

D'ardire, che mi prendo d'interpellare etc.

137. (1775) A letter from Cardinal Maggiore (for the Nuncio) Brussels to Dr Carpenter. He has forwarded Dr Carpenter's of Nov. 14th to Rome; it was expected that when the Nuncio had condemned the oath all the Irish Bishops would do likewise. Date: 1 December 1775.

Vestras de 14 mensis etc.

138. (1775/
1778) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter. A dispensation from the regulation to abstain from servile works on certain listed holydays, except the Monday after the feasts of Easter and Pentecost. Date: 29 March 1778.

Attentis peculiaribus circumstantiis etc.

139. (1776) (Printed: Two copies) notice of the extension of the 1775 Jubilee to the Universal Church.
Date: 28 January 1776.

Summa Dei in nos benignitate etc.

140. (1776) A letter from the Nuncio to Dr Carpenter. Propaganda wants his opinion of the merits of
(a) Dr Augustine Kirwan for the See of Clonfert;
(b) Fr Patrick Dowd and James Dillon for vacancies in that diocese as Archdeacon and Chancellor.
Which of these posts is vacant? As the Archbishop of Armagh is suspended the queries are sent to Dr Carpenter. Date: 23 April 1776.

Sacra. Congis. literas Vobis transmittentes etc.

141. (1776) Same to same forwarding a letter from Propaganda: that Congregation will do nothing further concerning the oath. Date: 7 May 1776.

Ex litteris S. Congis, quas ad vos mittere etc.

142. (1776) Same to same. Dr Carpenter is thanked for his reply to enquiries about the Armagh vacancies and is requested to forward a copy of Cardinal Marefoschi's letter concerning the oath.
Date: 31 May 1776.

Reddite nobis fuerunt literae tuae etc.

143. (1776) (Two copies, one printed) Same to same. The Pope (Pius VI) extends to religious and others in Holland, England and Ireland the indulgences of the Jubilee for a further eight months.
Date 19 Nov 1776.

Lubuit Ssmo. D.N. etc... Jubilari Indultum etc.

144. (1776) A letter from Pope Pius VI to Dr John Thomas Troy, O.P. concerning St Canice's Parish in Kilkenny and his, Dr Troy's, appointment as bishop of Ossory.

Cunctis ubiquesit notus quod A.D. 1776 etc.

145. (1776) (Two copies) Same to same. A Brief appointing Dr Troy Bishop of Ossory.
Date 16 December 1776.

Dilecto fill salutem etc.

146. (1776) A letter from James Butler, Archbishop of Cashel, to Propaganda justifying his stand on taking the oath (cf. 135 above). In a postscript he mentions the vacancy in Ossory following the death of Dr Burke (de Burgo) and proposes Fr Molloy as bishop. Date 4 October 1776.

Quisquid in hoc negotis egimus etc.

147. (1776) Same to same. He is willing to receive Fr John Murphy. (Jackson -cf. 136 above). He is glad to hear that Raymond is doing well. Date: 21 August 1776.

Cum nobis semper religio Emssi.

148. (1776) Same to Fr Aloysius Cuccagni, Rector of the Irish College, commending John Lanigan who is going to Rome to study. Date: 6 October 1776.

In Domino Johanni Lanigan etc.

149. (1776) Same to Cardinal Marefoschi. He (Dr Butler), his suffragans and three other bishops-Kildare, Elphin and Achonry-all wish to recommend Fr Molloy for Ossory. Date: 28 Oct. 1776.

Experti toties sigularem etc.

150. (1776) (From Thurles Archives) Cardinal Castelli to Dr Butler informing him that when his letter arrived (cf. 146 and 149 above) Dr Troy had already been chosen for Ossory.
Date: 14 Dec. 1776.

Primo quam Ampl. VVm. Literae allate ad me etc.

151. (1776) An older copy of 149 above, with signatures.
152. (1776) A notice from Dr Burke (de Burgo) to priests in Kilkenny: On the conditions for gaining the Jubilee indulgence 'to be read tomorrow in an audible voice to your respective Congregations'. (See reverse of document) Date: 30 March 1776.

To the Pastors and other clergymen of Kilkenny etc.

153. (1776) A certificate signed by Dominic de la Rochefoucauld, Archbishop of Rouen, stating that he conferred minor orders (tonsure) on Frater Casimir, (Patrick Nulty) a Capuchin. Date 1776.

Dilecto nostro Casimiro, alias Patricio Nulty, etc.

154. (~~1776~~) A letter from Comte Politi Flamini at the Hotel Cavour, Rome, written 6 May, 1892. In the library of the late Cardinal Hohenlohe, there is a theological brochure by M.H. Hamill, Dublin. He feels sure the Archbishop of Dublin would like to buy it. Price, five francs. (~~1776~~)

Dans la librairie etc.

155. (1776) (Printed) the pamphlet mentioned in 154 above. De adventu Sancti Spiritus Orati etc by Martin Hugh Hamill, Dublin, student of Propaganda. Date: 1776.

156. (1777) A letter to Fr Eliseus, Proc. General of the Carmelites, from Cardinal Rezzonico. Transcript of faculties granted the Carmelites for the celebration of Mass in Carmelite chapels and monasteries. Date: 14 August 1777.

Pater Eliseus a Conceptione Proc. Generalis etc.

157. (1777) (Printed. Three copies) Faculties granted to Dr Troy of Ossory by Pius VI for blessing rosaries, crucifixes etc. Date: 9 March 1777.

Indulgentiae utrisque sexus Christifideles etc.

153. (1777) A notice from Propaganda to Dr Troy, another notice concerning an indult. Date: 9 March 1777.

Ad humillimas preces etc.

159. (1777) Same to same. A further indult. Date: 9 March 1777.

Omnibus et singulis utrisque etc.

160. (1777) A letter from Cardinal Castelli to Dr Blake of Armagh, concerning the discord in the Archdiocese following Dr Blake's suspension of Fr. George Dowd, Drogheda. Date: 26 July 1777.

Per molesta nobis etc.

161. (1777) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter. Complaints have reached Rome that some Irish bishops are not sufficiently careful about whom they ordain, admitting to Holy Orders even men of intemperate habits. Dr Carpenter is asked to see that his Suffragans correct the abuse. Date: 20 December 1777.

Pervasisit ad aures etc.

162. (1777) A long letter from Dr Butler, Archbishop of Cashel, to Cardinal Castelli. He acknowledges the notification of Dr Troy's appointment to Ossory, but stresses that his candidate, Fr. Molloy, would have been better fitted 'to calm the turbulent citizens of County Kilkenny in these dangerous times'. He renews his attack on de Burgo's Hibernia Dominicana, justifies his stand on the oath of allegiance, accuses Dr Carpenter and Rome of heeding 'impudent and false rumours' etc. etc. Date: 26 Feb. 1777.

Accepto Sac. Cong. litteris etc.

163. (1777) Same to Dr Troy, congratulating him on his appointment, 'despite your youth'. Though Dr Butler and his suffragans favoured Molloy, yet they are not disappointed at the election of Dr Troy. If Dr Troy will notify him of the date he expects to arrive in Kilkenny Dr Butler will go to meet and greet him there. Date: 19 January 1777.

Having been favoured with a letter etc.

164. (1777) A letter from Dr Troy replying to Dr Butler, (cf. 163 above) He thanks Dr Butler; he expects to reach Kilkenny by June, travelling via France; he will go to Thurles to pay his respects to Dr Butler. Date: 22 February 1777.

I have been honoured by Your Grace's etc.

165. (1777) Attestations of (a) Bryan Kavanagh, Vicar of St Canice's, Kilkenny, (b) Stephen Lower (Lowry?), Vicar-General of Ossory, that they are taking possession of St Canice's parish in Dr Troy's name. Date: 31 March 1777.

Be it known to all it may concern etc.

166. (1777) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Carpenter. This is a copy (certified by Fr. John O'Connor, Protonotary Apostolic) of the original entitling Dr Troy to take possession of the See of Ossory. Dates: 5 Feb. and 8 March 1777.

Praesenti publico mandati Procurae etc

167. (1777) A letter from Dr Blake, Archbishop of Armagh, to Dr Troy concerning his troubles over the selection of Vicars-General in Armagh. Date: 29 October 1777.

I am much obliged to you etc.

168. (1777) Same to same He thanks Dr Troy for informing him of the gentlemen's merits. His delay in replying was due to having to appear in the courts on family business.

I received in due course etc.

169. (1777) Same to same. He assures Dr Troy that he will be welcome when he comes to Drogheda (for investigation) Date: 25 July 1777.

Today's post brought me etc.

170. (1777) A letter to Dr Troy from John Weever, (O.P.) Louvain. He pays many compliments but concludes with a bill for the expenses of Dr Troy's consecration in Louvain, including the washerwoman's bill, the bishop's wig, etc. The money is to be given to Brother Mark. Bill comes to £6. 15. 3d. Received 19 October 1777. Date of letter 7 October 1777. (cf. reverse)

I received your tender and obliging favour etc.

171. (1777) A list in Dr Troy's handwriting of the O.P. Priors in San Clemente, Rome 1677 - 1777.

172. (1778) A copy of a letter from Propaganda urging the Irish bishops to apply Section 24 Chapter 18 of the Tridentine Decree and other Decrees of that Council when appointing parish priests.
Date: 13 March 1778.

Tuum ad animarum salutem etc.

173. (1778) (Three copies) A brief of Pope Pius VI dispensing fasts on eves of retrenched feasts and the obligation of hearing Mass on retrenched feasts. Date 29 March 1773.

Attentis peculiaribus circumstantiis etc.

174. (1778) A letter to Dr Troy from Cardinal Castelli. An indult re the reduction of feasts as already granted to Poland, England and Scotland. This applies to servile works only, not to the Mass obligation. (cf. 138 and 173 above) which it clarifies. Date: 11 April 1778.

Per evitare ogni occasione di dubio etc.

175. (1778) A letter from Propaganda to Dr Troy (cf. reverse with note in Dr Troy's hand) When Dr Troy's letter arrived (cf. Collections L.F. Renehan, p. 350) John Butler had already been appointed to Limerick. Regulations re mixed marriages. Oath formula.
(cf. Rep. Novum I (2) p. 388.) Date: 29 March 1778

Benigne induluit R.D. Joanni Butler

176. (1778) A letter from the Nuncio, Brussels, to Dr Carpenter, concerning the Capuchins from France. Dr Carpenter's letter re same has been forwarded to Propaganda. (cf. Rep. Novum I (2) pp. ?)
Date 23 April 1778.

Dum hasce Sac. Congis etc.

177. (1778) Transcript of long letter from Propaganda to the Archbishop of Armagh and other Irish Archbishops and Bishops. Date: 9 May 1778.

Vehementer optet-etc.

178. (1778) A letter from Cardinal Castelli to Fr Philip Levins, Dean of Armagh; concerning the dissensions in the Archdiocese between the priests and Dr A. Blake, the Primate. (cf. Renahan Collection I, pp 110 ff.) Date 26 September 1773.

Dolet Sa. haec Cong.. pacem isti diocesi non modo etc.

179. (1778) A Propaganda rescript clarifying points and answering queries concerning the Decree of 13 March (cf. 172 above) Date: 11 April 1778.

Relato per Emmum.... dubio utrium etc.

180. (1778) A Propaganda rescript clarifying a further point in the Decree of 13 March (cf. 172 above) concerning faculties. Date: 11 April 1778.

Dubium an' scilicet Hibernia etc

181. (1778) A letter from Dr Blake of Armagh to Dr Troy, Kilkenny, complaining of the opposition of the Drogheda priests, especially Fr George Dowd. He gives his reasons for suspending Fr Dowd. Date 29 March 1778.

It would be superfluous etc. (cf. 178 above)

182. (1778) Same to same concerning the same. Date: April 4th 1778.

My letter cannot be worth the postage etc.

183. (1778) Same to same. Long letter on same subject; further complaints about Fr Dowd; Dr Blake encloses a note from Cardinal Castelli. (not given in the file). Date: 10 July 1778.

I had in due course etc.

184. (1778) A letter from Fr Philip Levins, P.P. Ardee and Dean of Armagh, to Dr Troy; he sends a copy of the Propaganda decision of 7 November 1778 and complains about how Dr Blake (who is, at time of writing, in Dublin) acted during his visitation of Ardee. Date: 7 November 1778.

I think it my duty etc.

185. (1778) (On reverse of 184 above) Dr Troy's reply to Fr Levins. He is glad that Propaganda have given a decision and he hopes peace will now reign in Armagh diocese. Unless expressly commanded, he wishes to have nothing further to do with the matter. Date: 14 Nov. 1778

I have before me etc.

186. (1778) A Pastoral letter of Dr Carpenter to the Roman Catholic Pastors and Superiors of the Diocese of Dublin. Date: 19 August 1778.

Dear Christians, At a time when etc.

187. (1778) Inscriptions on two tombstones in Clondalkin churchyard: (a) Father Christopher Coleman who died on 28 April 1778, aged 85, and (b) Fr Barnaby Mullen who died in 1812 aged 35.

188. (1778) Two certificates signed by the Archbishop of Rouen who conferred the sub-diaconite and diaconite orders on Brother Casimir, Capuchin, (Patrick Nulty) at Easter 1778.

Dominicus de la Rochefoucauld etc

189. (1779) A copy of an appeal by the Archbishops of Dublin and Cashel and their Suffragans, for the transfer of the plenary indulgence previously granted for certain holydays (2 Feb. 8 Sept. and 8 Dec.) to the Sundays immediately following these feasts. Date: 18 November 1779.

Infrascripti Praesules Provrum Dubl. et Cassel etc.

190. (1779) Copy of a letter to Propaganda from some Irish prelates. The Archbishops of Dublin and Cashel and the Bishops of Kildare and Meath request a decision on the validity of mixed marriages in dioceses where the Tridentine Decrees in this regard have been implemented; as this Decree is not yet in force in Dublin Dr Carpenter and his Suffragans think it unwise to publish it until the Holy See's decision is known. Date: 18 November 1779.

Infrascripti Praesules humiliter exponunt etc.

(Attached to 190)

191. (1782) A copy of a query sent to Propaganda by Michael Plunkett, agent of the Irish clergy, concerning the fast and abstinence regulations and the scruples of some Irish penitents in that regard: (cf. 35 File III) Date: 11 Dec. 1782.

Pro parte Michaelis Plunkett.

192. (1769) Draft of a letter to Propaganda from Dr de Burgo (Ossory) requesting a reply to his relatio status, receipt of which Pro. Fide acknowledged in a letter of 4 December. He doubts whether the Tridentine decrees re clandestine marriages have as yet been legally promulgated in any Irish diocese, since these edicts would have had to be displayed at church doors and this the law of the land prohibited.

Father Thomas de Burgo etc.

193. (1779) A letter from Dr Egan, Clonmel, to Dr Troy. He discusses the current political situation and agrees with Dr Troy that 'our people shouldn't join the Independent Companies'. Date: July 9th 1779.

I am very thankful.

194. (1779) Same to same, re text of forthcoming Bill. Date 8 Sept. 1779.

I will not in the fulness of my heart etc.

195. (1779) A letter from Dr Troy to Dr Butler, Cashel. He regrets having missed him when in Urlingford. He is glad that Dr Butler's opinion of the priest proposed for the vacant see (Limerick?) coincides with that of Dr Troy himself, Dr Egan and the Prelates of Connaught. Dr Troy has conferred with Drs Sweetman (Ferns) and O'Keeffe (Kildare); 'they all dislike the Bill and desire no more than to be put on a footing with the English clergy.' Date: 2 October 1779.

I am extremely sorry etc.

196. (1779) A letter from Dr Butler to Dr Troy, in reply to 195 above. The Bill as it now stands is full of inconsistencies and needs overhaul and re-drafting before sending it to Parliament in the spring. He approves of the idea of having a special committee of Prelates set up to do this immediately; if left any longer it will be too late. Date: 11 November 1779.

I am exceedingly obliged etc.

197. (1779) Same to same. (cf note on end page) He notes Dr Troy's news that the Connaught Prelates have signed a paper in favour of the Regulars. Dr Butler will not join them in view of the reports being spread about him in Rome, 'where it is industriously given out that I and [?] the Secular Pope of this Kingdom', etc. etc. Date 29 December 1779.

I received your kind letter etc.

On the end page Dr Troy's reply is recorded: he tries to calm down Dr Butler; he cannot credit the rumour mentioned. On the union of Regulars and Seculars and on their joint endeavours and their mutual interest, the cause of religion in Ireland depends. He believes the report false, but will write to Rome at once about it. Date: 29 December 1779.

198. (1779) A circular of Fr Francis Vasquez, theologian, Prior-General of the Augustinians, concerning the courses of studies to be followed in houses and novitiates of the Order. Date: 25 October 1779.

Ad praecas vendas etc.

199. (1779) A legal document. An indenture re the leasing of two plots of land at Baldoyle at a yearly rent of 5s 5d. per annum (for the chapel and priest's house) Signed by the lessors: George and Thomas Furnace, and the lessees, Dr Carpenter and Christopher Wall. Date: 8 November 1779.

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